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Candidates are chosen, proposals are passed in Aug. 6 state primary

COMPILED BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The following is a list of unofficial results from the Berrien County Clerk's Office of the several Republican contested races that were on the state primary ballot in Berrien County Tuesday, Aug. 6:

County Commissioner: Each of the following four members of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners were challenged in the primary for a four-year term on the board: In District 10, the incumbent candidate, McKinley Elliott (1,123 votes) of Buchanan faced off against Eugene Casto (506 votes), also of Buchanan; for District 2, incumbent Jon Hinkelman (1,441 votes) of Watervliet faced off against Michelle Tooker (399 votes) of Eau Claire; District 7, incumbent Bob Harrison (1,721 votes) of Stevensville was challenged by Richard McCoy (634 votes), also of Stevensville; District 12, Michael Majerek (264) was challenged by Sharon Tyler (431).

State Representative for the 38th District: Kevin Whiteford of South Haven, (4,756 votes) and George Lucas of Harbert (3,894 votes).

County Sheriff: The following four candidates were running for the four-year term of Berrien County sheriff: Richard Briand of Niles (817 votes), Charles Heit of New Buffalo (12,017 votes), Roger Johnson of St. Joseph (4,643 votes) and Jason Long of Berrien Springs (1,298 votes).

County Treasurer: There were two candidates running for the four-year term of county treasurer: Shelly Weich of Baroda (12,008 votes) and Margret Fife of Stevensville (5,452 votes).

Drain Commissioner: Three candidates were running for the four-year term of county drain commissioner: Mark Krieger of Bridgman (3,872 votes), George McManus III of Benton Harbor (8,535 votes) and Christopher Quattrin of St. Joseph (5,708 votes).

New Buffalo Township: Two candidates were running for the four-year term as New Buffalo Township treasurer, Patricia Iazzetto (14 votes) and Jack Rogers (129 votes).

Three Oaks Township: Two candidates were running for the four-year term of township supervisor: Hal Rockwell (51 votes) and Phil Smith (247 votes).

Weesaw Township: Two candidates were running for the four-year term of township treasurer: Peg Cullen (172 votes) and Michelle Tackitt (188 votes). Four candidates were running for two township trustee seats, each with a four-year term: Wanda Green (143 votes), Arthur King (193 votes), James Pelletier (143 votes) and Robert Warmbein (131 votes).

The following Berrien County proposals were on the ballot: a renewal of the Berrien County Senior Center Millage in the amount of .2997 mills for a period of four years, yes - 22,26, no - 5,356; renewal of County Law Enforcement and Public Safety Millage in the amount of 0.3496 mills for a period of six years, yes - 21,07, no - 5,771; and the renewal of the 9-1-1 Emergency System Millage in the amount of 0.4495 mills for a period of six years, yes - 23,386, no -4,258.

Chikaming Township: Renewal of the township's Public Safety Millage in the amount of 1.9 mills, to be levied for a period of four years, yes - 784, no -200.

Weesaw Township: Renewal of the 1.0 mills Road Millage, to be levied for a period of two years, yes -304, no - 135 and the renewal of the .35 mills Ambulance Millage to be levied for a period of four years, yes - 324, no - 80.

Village of Michiana: Renewal of the Extra-Voted Millage for Operations in the amount of 0.9354 mills, to be levied for a period of five years, yes - 34, no -27.

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— Dino N. Fatouros

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Berrien County Health Department recognizes Overdose Awareness Month, offers free Narcan training

The Berrien County Health Department is recognizing National Overdose Awareness Month with two drive-thru Narcan training events Aug. 28-29.

The trainings are intended to educate community members on how to prevent overdoses through the administration of Narcan as well as recognize individuals who have died from an overdose and their loved ones. This is the fourth year BCHD has offered these training events, which hit full capacity for participation in each of the past two years.

Pre-registration is required for the free training, which takes only 15 minutes to complete. In addition to the training, participants will receive a free rescue kit containing Narcan, an easy-to-use nasal spray that can help reverse the effects of an opioid overdose in minutes.

The sessions will be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. on:

- Wednesday, Aug. 28, at BCHD's Benton Harbor office, 2149 E. Napier Ave.
- Thursday, Aug. 29, at BCHD's Niles office, 1205 N. Front Street.

"With Narcan being much more accessible in our community, it's important to teach residents how to administer it effectively," BCHD Public Health Promotion and Prevention Supervisor Lisa Peeples-Hurst said. "These trainings not only help individuals but also our entire community by preventing overdoses and bringing awareness to the opioid epidemic."

The Narcan training sessions will be led by Peeples-Hurst and Shannon Larry-Burton, who are certified Narcan trainers. Individuals must be 18 or older to participate. The trainings also coincide with International Overdose Awareness Day, which is Saturday, Aug. 31.

To register for a Narcan training session, call 269-927-5622.

Additionally, BCHD, in partnership with Berrien County Trial Court, offers a free Narcan vending machine at the South County Building, 1205 N. Front Street in Niles during normal business hours. BCHD also has a list of free Narcan distribution sites throughout Berrien County on its website.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services offers at-home delivery of naxolone for individuals who may be at high risk for an opioid overdose and their loved ones – and who do not have access to it in their community. For details, visit www.nextdistro.org/migate.

If you are unable to attend either session, BCHD offers free Narcan training year-round. For more information, visit bchdmi.org or call 269.927.5622.

For more information on preventing overdoses, visit the CDC's website. — STAFF REPORTS

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THANKS FOR SUCCESS...

On behalf of New Buffalo Township, I would like to thank all the amazing people that helped to make our 8th Public Safety Day a huge success!

Thank you to the Pokagon Fund for funding our school supply giveaway! We heard from some many families that because of this event, they had all the school supplies that their kids needed to start school. Thanks for your continued support!

Thanks to the Berrien County Sheriff's Office for bringing their Bomb Team, Haz Mat Team, Marine Division, Crime Prevention and Victim Services resources. They were a big hit! The kids loved the games and giveaways! Thanks to our NBT Sheriff Patrol for helping make it a fun day!

Thank you to Hahna Gorenz for taking pics of all the activity!

Big thanks to NBAS Elementary teacher Susan Seifert for organizing our School Supply Giveaway once again! Also, to all the NBAS staff that helped at the event! Lots of happy students and parents left with just what they needed for school.

Last but not least, thanks to our New Buffalo Township Fire Dept. for hosting this event!! Chief Flick and his firefighters are always eager to do whatever they can for our community. Whether it's teaching fire safety and playing games with day camp kids or showing kids fire equipment and sitting in a dunk tank at Public Safety Day, these dedicated firefighters continually serve their community in so many ways. The Township is very fortunate to have this amazing group of people!

We hope everyone that attended had as much fun as we did and we'll see you next year!!

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Proceeds from the sale will help fund charitable activities. Food and beverage will be available for sale. Guests can also visit the Greek Museum.

For more information, call the church at 269-231-9052.

Annunciation and St. Paraskevi is located at I-94 exit 4B, 18000 Behner Road, in New Buffalo. —

STAFF REPORTS

Residents' voices are heard about proposed Chikaming Elementary School rezoning

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

A proposed 19-unit affordable housing development took center stage at a packed special meeting at Chikaming Township Center Wednesday, July 31.

In March, the River Valley School District entered into a purchase agreement to sell the former Chikaming Elementary School to Rob Buono, owner of Granor Farm.

Last month, the Planning Commission had recommended to the Chikaming Township Board that the request of applicant Three Harbert LLC to rezone 13742 Three Oaks Road from R-2 Rural Estate to R-3 Multiple Family, which would allow for the former school building to be renovated to the apartment building, move forward.

The subject of the detailed site plan that was presented at the meeting was a just under 10-acre site that has been divided into two parcels: the approximately four-acre parcel to the west of the elementary school and the approximately five-acre one to the east, which is the subject of the rezoning application.

Buono said the four acre site will remain R-2 and be returned to an agricultural use for farming purposes for Granor.

In order to make the 19 units "deeper," Buono said that the hallways inside the school would be eliminated and tenants would enter the units from the outside. Buono added that the electric, water and sewer has to be distributed to every unit in the building - to the kitchens and baths and washers and dryers.

"We're trying to avoid coring into the floor of the building and creating these centralized horizontal chases, where we can run all our utilities to serve each of the units in kind of an efficient, effective way," he said.

Skylights would be added to the building. Buona said that "virtually" all mechanical equipment would be located on the roof because each unit would have its individual air conditioning and heating system.

Cars would be able to enter and exit the property on Harbert Road and exit onto Three Oaks Road. As required under the zoning ordinance, the area where buses dropped off students will be maintained as a fire lane.

Buono said that there are no plans for the gym at the time. To the left of the gym, there would be a room for residents to store their bicycles.

The building would consist of a mixture of bigger and smaller units. Buono showed a rendering of a larger unit with two bedrooms, with one being a "flex" room that can be used as a bedroom, and a main living space. Every unit will have a stackable washer and dryer.

Buono said a variance would need to be sought for the smaller, one-bedroom units.

He added that people who live there would have outdoor space outside their entryway.

Buono said the development "is not a government financed building."

"It's privately financed building, private equity - most of it mine…I am not interested in having the government as my partner," he said.

He added the building "is not designed for short-term rentals."

Buono said up to two or maybe up to four or five Granor Farm employees at any one time would be renting the units. From his experience with employees at Granor, Buono said he believes that the units will have a demographic of "mainly single and young couples" who would "most likely be between the ages of 25-36." Tenants would likely be primarily employed in the hospitality industry as well as the medical field such as nursing, education and maybe some associated with EMT type positions. Smaller units would be just under $1,000 a month, with some of the units possibly going up to $1,800 a month.

Tenants would be required to sign a one-year lease. There may be an exception after they've lived there for one year and are moving away for six months, as Buono said they'd accommodate that "so long as the lease ends at the right time of year (between April 1 and Oct. 1)."

A full-time person will be in one of the units and managing them.

The "really specific" lease wouldn't "permit someone who leases a unit offered as a short term-rental."

Regarding the zoning ordinance, Buono said that 37 percent of the site is already covered between the parking lot and the building.

Per the ordinance, not more than 50 percent of the site can be covered, which leaves about 29,000 to 30,000 square feet of the site.

When looking at the building itself and "limitations on the size of the building, you can't add to the building because it would exceed the number of linear feet that's permitted under the zoning code, which is 150 feet," Buono said.

"The building already exceeds it but because it's a pre-existing building, you're permitted to - but what you can't do is you can't make it bigger," he said.

Buono said he could theoretically "find a way" to stick another 20 units on there if someone asked him; however, it's "not as broad of risk as I think is being suggested" due to all the limitations under the ordinance.

Tyler Ream, who lives behind the school, said he's primarily concerned with the "expansion" of R-3 zoning.

"Putting an R-3 zoning dot on the map here I think will encourage more R-3 zoning around this dot in the future," he said.

He added the developer had "been clear from the beginning" that the project "won't attract younger families in the area" with its one to two bedroom apartments and the two-bedroom apartments that would "likely operate like one bedroom because of the half wall."

Brian Kern said having low income housing in Chikaming has been a goal for years.

"It just never seems to end up happening - it ends up being vacation homes," he said.

Charlie Stein, who owns the wooded land across from the school, said that the development may turn the neighborhood into a "transient" or "fast turnover" one, which could result in an increased crime rate and increased traffic on Harbert Road, which is already heavily traveled during the summer months.

"This could have a negative impact on our property values and importantly, this proposal is a contradiction to the established direction of our Chikaming township," he said, adding that they're a "home ownership community."

Angela Reichart said rezoning and reusing the school is a "terrific first step" to obtaining affordable housing.

"Chikaming Township can be an example of 'Let's make this happen and bring an asset to the community' rather than another town with an empty school decaying and becoming an eye sore," she said.

Jessica Hermes, who lives across the street from the school, said that the development could turn the rural area into a more urban one.

"We fear once rezoned to R-3, what is stopping R-3 rezoning in this area in the future - unless we can ensure more of that area won't be rezoned to R-3 and I don't know if we can do that or not," she said.

Hermes said that the one to three bedroom layout of the apartments, with some of the walls not going all the way to the ceilings in the bedrooms, might not appeal to young families.

Janet Henderson called Buono's proposal "very modest."

"It is just a start, it is a drop in the bucket for attainable housing so people who work here can actually live here, which is good for the overall economy, which is good for our community, which is good for our future," she said.

River Valley School Superintendent Dave Campbell said the district had had "little success" selling the building until Buono came forward.

Money from the sale of the school will go to "continue to support the school district and our facilities."

"We feel very fortunate to have this very respectable offer on the table and to prevent the school from becoming an eyesore to our community," he said.

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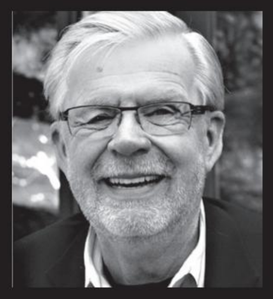
From the Bleachers



COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

Let's start with the Bears.

None of their starters played in the Hall of Fame game, so all we could see was how the Bears depth compared to the Texans, and the results were very good. Brett Rypien looked like a more than capable backup quarterback, and he's the third stringer right now.

I liked the Bears quarterback room last year, but I think I'm going to love it this year, and for many years to come. I'm bullish on Caleb Williams, and with Bagent, and Rypien backing him up, I'm confident the Bears are set at that critical position for years.

The backup running backs also looked terrific. I feel sorry for Bears receiver Collin Johnson, who looked great and scored two touchdowns against the Texans, but the Bears are so good at his wide receiver position that it's hard to see how he can make the team.

It was bittersweet watching the Hall of Fame activities. Julius Peppers went into the Hall as a Panther, but it was obvious that he loved his time in Chicago. Devin Hester seemed almost childlike, thrilled to be recognized for all the thrills he provided the entire NFL, particularly Bears fans.

Finally, Misty McMichael stood in for her husband, Steve, who couldn't travel to Canton, Ohio to be enshrined because he is near the final stages of his heroic battle with ALS. Misty did a nice job of representing Steve in Canton, then flew home with someone from the Hall and presented Steve with the Hall of Fame bust. It seemed like there was no way he was going to make it to his big day, but he toughed it out and survived long enough to realize his dream.

Steve was a bit of a rascal in his playing days, so it was particularly heartwarming to see many of his old teammates present to celebrate with him, his family, and his friends and neighbors. On the flip side, it was heartbreaking to see the toll this horrible disease has taken on Steve. Chicago is rightly proud of this Hall of Fame class.

The Cubs are playing a little better, beating the hated Cardinals three out of four this past weekend, but it's probably too late to make the Playoffs, while the Sox are stumbling their way to an historically bad season. They finished being swept by the Twins Sunday for their 20th straight loss.

If they lose to Oakland this week, they will tie the American League record for futility with their 20th first straight loss, and if they get swept, they will tie the major league record of 23.

The Olympics are rolling along, and American women Katie Ledecky and Simone Biles are truly forces of nature. It will probably be a long time before we see two athletes that dominate their respective sports like these two.

Mark Twain said "Go to Heaven for the climate, Hell for the company."

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Gathering at the croquet game during a dress rehearsal

The Caterpillar (portrayed by Brody) reads to Alice (portrayed by Maddie)

Performing a song and dance number during a rehearsal

The Acorn's youth camp is a community tradition

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

This year, The Acorn Dramatic Arts Camp's young thespians' theatrical take on a classic tale was a true community event.

Thanks to a "very, very generous donor," Michael Bond, The Acorn's production manager and the camp's technical director, said, this. year's camp, as well as the Thursday, Aug. 1, performance of this year's production, "Alice in Wonderland," was free.

"All these campers are able to come in and all these community members are able to participate," he said.

This year's camp, which is in its second year, was mostly composed of children from the River Valley School District and Three Oaks. It was also mostly composed of those with hardly any theater experience, which Bond said was "great."

"They got to learn a lot of new, different skills and it's fun to have different types of productions to put on for this," he said.

Bond said campers hit the ground running, with camp starting the Monday after the Fourth of July.

Having been involved in theater his whole life, Bond enjoys seeing the evolution in the campers.

"Everyone had to really learn their parts, so it was really about three and half weeks full of rehearsal for them to go fully off book, get into character, find their costumes, the whole thing - it was really cool to see," he said.

In her second year running the camp, Cassidy Vlietstra currently teaches theater for a startup company, Drama Spot.

She said the four weeks were devoted to introducing the campers to "what theater even is," as well as doing auditions, casting the show and then putting their skills to use onstage.

"So it's very rushed, very condensed but in a very enjoyable way," Bond said.

Before gracing the stage, campers are exposed to various aspects of performing: acting, singing and dancing.

"So I teach them singing skills, acting skills and dancing skills before we even really get into the show because all but our oldest camper are new to theater," Vliestra said.

Offstage, campers participated in more fun, skillbuilding projects: tie dying T-shirts for opening night and, to prepare for Alice's encounter with the croquet court of the Queen of Hearts, playing croquet. Campers also played theater games and learned about acting, projection and musicality,

"We kind of interweave some of those lessons along with learning the script, so it kind of builds all those at the same time," he said.

In addition to learning and making friends, campers change from the experience as well.

"I have a group of siblings and the older sister was saying her younger brother finally participates in family karaoke, that was so exciting to hear - but a lot of these kids have grown a lot," Vliestra said.

Cora, who portrayed the Spy, performs a song during a dress rehearsal

The young thespians perform a song and dance number during a dress rehearsal

Chessy (portrayed by Abbie) comforts Alice (portrayed by Maddie)

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Kids line up to dunk a firefighter

Kids try on fire hats under a big white tent

Members of the Berrien County Sheriff's Office interact with children during Public Safety Day

Jack Rogers mans the grill

Kids dunk a firefighter as part of Public Safety Day

School supplies, safety spotlighted at Public Safety Day

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

New Buffalo Township's Public Safety Day just keeps growing.

At this year's event, which took place Sunday, Aug. 4, at the township's public safety building on U.S. Highway 12, New Buffalo Township Supervisor Michelle Heit said that there were enough hot dogs for at least 400 people and school supplies for about 200-300 children.

"We buy more (supplies) every year - every year we run out," she said.

Heit thanked The Pokagon Fund for sponsoring the school supplies every year.

The annual event is put on by the New Buffalo Township Fire Department.

"We feel it's an awesome event for kids and families - free hot dogs and free school supplies are always a huge hit and it makes us feel really good to help families get ready for school," Heit said.

Members of Medic One, the New Buffalo Township Fire Department, the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, the Pokagon Band Tribal Police and Corewell Health were on hand to give tours of their vehicles and let visitors check out their equipment.

Children could work off their energy in a bounce house, dunk a firefighter in a dunk tank and enjoy a hot dog lunch. Parents could also check out the safety resources and pick up smoke detectors. Inside the building, children could gear up for a new school year by choosing from a wide selection of free school supplies.

A fire truck was one of the many units on display

Families enjoy hot dogs inside the Public Safety Building

Marley Trail checks out the fire truck

Lila and Elaina Whitaker work on a craft

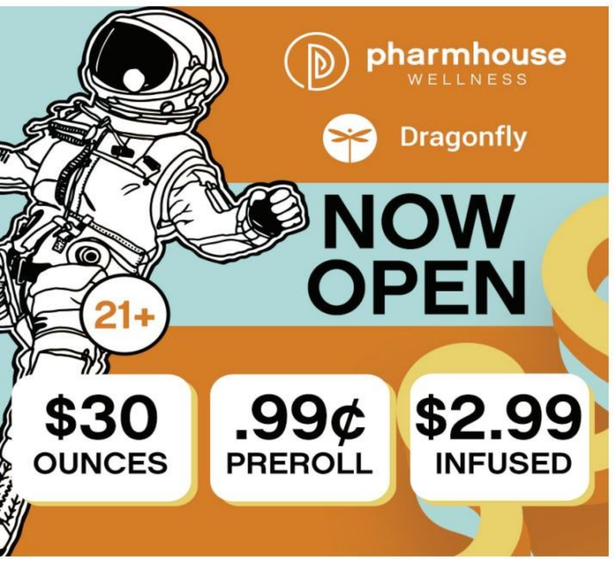
Kids participate in interactive activities with the Berrien County Sheriff's Office

Max Walburn gets help with the hose from Audrey Proctor

Hudson James rides a miniature vehicle outside the Public Safety Building

Paisley Walburn gets help with the fire hose from Audrey Proctor

Children choose school supplies



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Huge game center planned for La Porte

BY STAN MADDUX

The door has opened in La Porte for construction of a family fun center that would contain 33,000 square feet of space for arcade games, pinball machines and other things ranging from bowling to a restaurant/bar.

The La Porte Redevelopment Commission on Wednesday, July 31, unanimously approved an agreement for the proposed $10 million facility.

Under the agreement, the developers would be given the 6.6 acre LPRC owned site at NewPorte Landing if they live up to what's promised in areas like building appearance, quality construction and offerings.

The fun center must also operate for at least four years.

"If they do everything they said they are going to do then ultimately they wouldn't pay anything for the land," said La Porte Economic Advancement Partnership Executive Director Bert Cook.

He estimated the value of the ground at well over $1 million because of the residential and commercial developments that have gone up in a former industrial area very close the site in recent years.

More specifically, amenities at the fun center would include 100 arcade games, 40 pinball machines, 12 bowling lanes, outdoor and indoor miniature golf, a laser tag course and virtual darts.

Cook said he believes the payback would be having a potential major destination spot for people from other areas without such a facility.

He said the closest one like it to La Porte would be Zhao Island in Valparaiso and a few other similar facilities in Lake County.

"It's something unique that many other communities don't have," he said.

He said the fun center would also draw from Dunes Events Center, which hosts primarily volleyball tournaments attended by a thousand or more people for weekend regional competitions.

He said the facility would be just across the street from people at tournaments wanting to do something between games.

The fun center would be on the former Dietrich Steel site behind Kroger.

The huge building the company operated from was demolished about 10 years ago as part of the city's NewPorte Landing brownfield redevelopment project.

The family fun center plans were submitted by La Porte residents Ben Konowitz and Ryan Hart, who operate Full Tilt Arcade & Pinball on Fail Road on the city's east side.

The arcade, which is just a fraction of the size of the proposed new facility, opened in October of 2022.

Cook said he expects construction to being sometime next year.

It can't begin right away because of the process that must be followed with IDEM for declaring the property safe for reuse and the investors to acquire the property.

He said the developers will own the ground under the land gift agreement but failure to live up to the terms will mean them having to pay for it.

Cook said an already conducted environmental assessment of the site found just a limited number of issues in the soil capable of being made safe through construction.

Cook said concrete over contaminated dirt, for example, is a way of preventing human contact in areas with tainted soil.

"I couldn't be more excited about the project. I think there's no doubt this will become a location that serves a much wider market than just La Porte," he said.

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ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

It is time to get your heart and head in alignment. When you feel something, investigate it. Instead of brushing off intense feelings or keeping them hidden, go deeper. The opportunity is here to understand which past experience is causing you to have strong reactions in the present.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

You can expect to see some of your financial investments mature and start to payoff now. Use that extra cash flow to create a more welcoming space in your home. There is a lot to learn from friends and social interactions this harvest season. So, why not create that perfect gathering space?

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

There are some major detours and road blocks happening this week. It is important to interact with fellow travelers in a very mature and respectful way, if you want to get anywhere. Be assertive but be considerate of those who may be affected by your choices. Command respect by your actions.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

There is a sense that you may be having some kind of cosmic test or are being pushed into unchartered waters this week. Don't panic. Embrace actions and conversations that are based in integrity and honor. Avoid being overwhelmed by emotions. Use them as motivation, not direction.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

Get more involved with group interactions, this week. This is the time to look deeper into social interactions and how you feel when you are confronted with opinions that are misaligned with your own views. Let it excite you and create curiosity, rather than a sense of separation.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

There may be some adjustments that need to be made in the relationship department this week. It is important that interactions and interests are being fulfilled in a balanced way. Be sure both parties are being compensated and considered fairly. Take the lead in making it happen.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

Higher education and looking at ethical situations are on deck this week. You may be required to take a class or fill out some highly detailed worksheets to move ahead in the career department. Don't get caught up in details or start to explain yourself, just be forthright and respectful.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

Commitments will deepen now and relationships could feel intense. Be sure there is a balance and set a slow pace. Let things develop naturally rather, than push boundaries. You may have to change your usual approach with this individual but it will lead you both, to a better understanding.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

Be careful what and how you pursue things this week. Align yourself with a higher purpose and don't fall into thinking the grass is greener on the other side. When you feel a wander lust, look at what you feel you are missing and get more information before losing focus on current projects.

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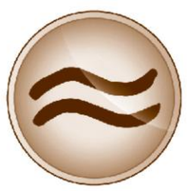
CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

It is time to take your health and wellness schedule a little more seriously. Know that a small amount of genuine effort will create some big momentum and the tough adjustments you make now will have some staying power. Great time to drop bad habits.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



It is important to express yourself when you are in a good place. Don't wait for situations to become unbearable before you say something. Make changes in real time. Talk things over with people as situations arise. Keep the conversations flowing and work through problems promptly.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

This is the time to get your home and property in order. Make improvements and updates now. Don't wait for a breakdown. If you know it's not running or working right, address it immediately. Handle repairs with certainty by using trusted sources. Ask for referrals and read the reviews.

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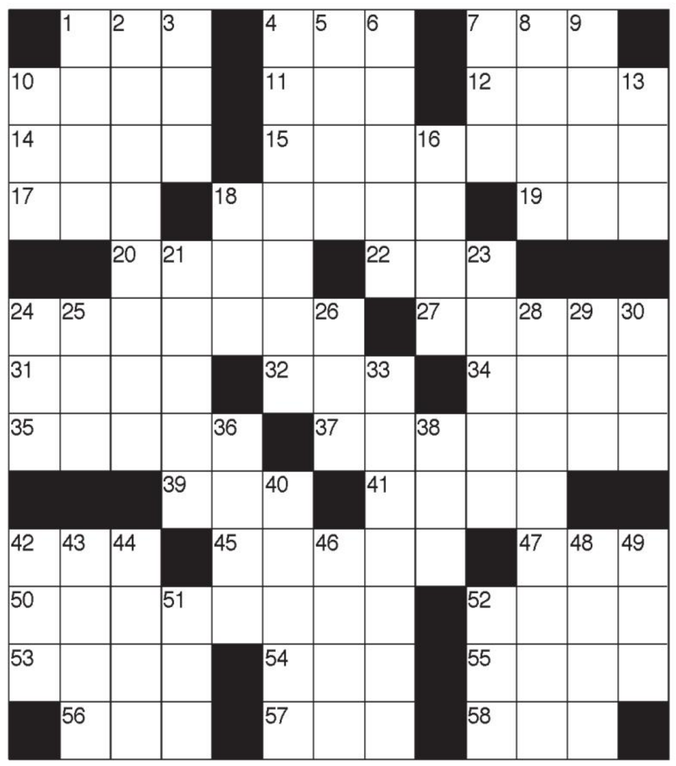

Library program to examine the life and work of Norman Rockwell

The life and illustrations of Norman Rockwell will be the subjects of a presentation at the New Buffalo Township Library at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20.

The presenter will be Tim Moore of Lake Michigan College, a frequent and popular speaker at the library.

Norman Perceval Rockwell's 322 classic illustrations graced the covers of the "Saturday Evening Post" from 1916 to 1963. The illustrations portrayed an idyllic and mostly mythical America. Until the 1960s, Rockwell's art avoided controversial and disturbing subjects, such as the horrors of war and the injustices of race relations.

The workaholic illustrator had troubled marriages and distant relationships with his three sons, but America adored his art because it was often uplifting and portrayed an America we wished existed. Until his death, Rockwell's work was regarded as trite and overly sentimental, but more recently his work is achieving serious critical attention and commanding fine art prices.

"The Life and Illustrations of Norman Rockwell" is sponsored by the Friends of the New Buffalo Library. The presentation is free and all are welcome to attend. — STAFF REPORTS

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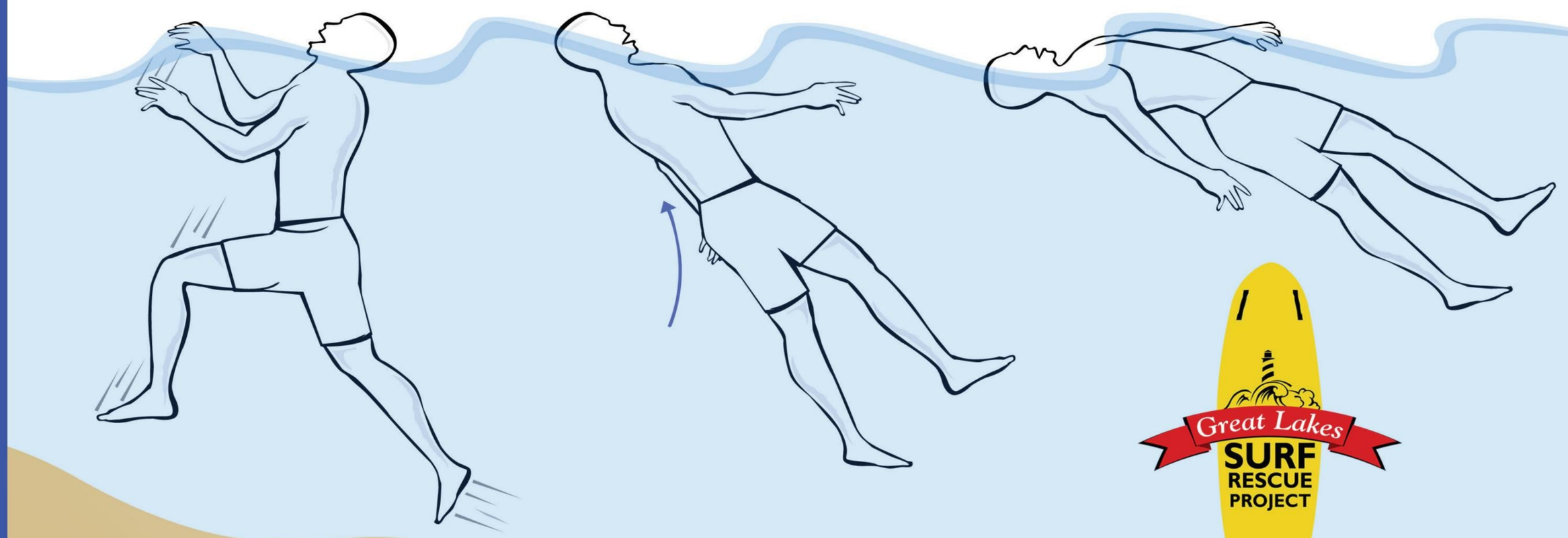

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN FOR SITE CONDOMINIUM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008, as amended, and the Village of Grand Beach Zoning Ordinance, the Village of Grand Beach Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider comments regarding a preliminary site plan submitted for a proposed Site Condominium under Section 9.03(B)(2) of the Village Zoning Ordinance for property commonly known as the "Ten Acres", with addresses of Grand Beach Road and 47301 Grand Beach Road, Grand Beach, MI 49117, Parcels 11-39-0019-0007-01-1 and 11-39-0019-0007-00-3, with the public hearing to be held on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. EST at the Village Hall, 48200 Perkins Blvd., Grand Beach, MI 49117. At that time, the Village Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to listen to and consider any public comments about the proposed preliminary site plan for the site condominium on the above-described parcels.

The preliminary site plan can be reviewed by contacting the Village Clerk, Kimberly Wolnik, at 269-469-3141 or by email at clerk@grandbeach.org during regular business hours after the publication of this Notice. The preliminary site plan in its entirety may also be examined at the hearing. Individuals with disabilities or the need for auxiliary aids should contact the Clerk by phone or email above, or send correspondence to the Clerk at 48200 Perkins Blvd., Grand Beach, MI 49117, not less than 5 days before the hearing.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received by the Clerk at the Village Hall by email or mail not less than 3 days prior to the public hearing to be included in the written materials submitted for review by the Planning Commission.

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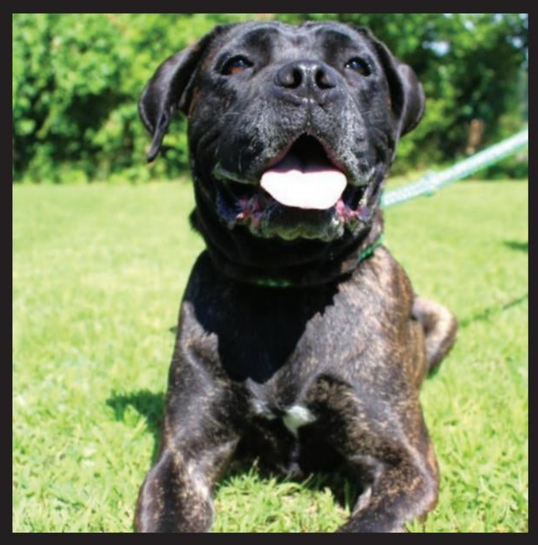

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US-12 resurfacing in Three Oaks beginning next week

Per a press release from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the repaving of one mile of US-12 in the village of Three Oaks will begin Aug. 12 and is estimated to end Monday, Sept. 30.

"This $675,000 investment includes milling and resurfacing, concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk and ramps, and pavement markings," the release states.

During the work, traffic restrictions will include single-lane closures.

"This work will preserve the pavement, extend the life of the roadway, and improve safety for motorists," the release stated.

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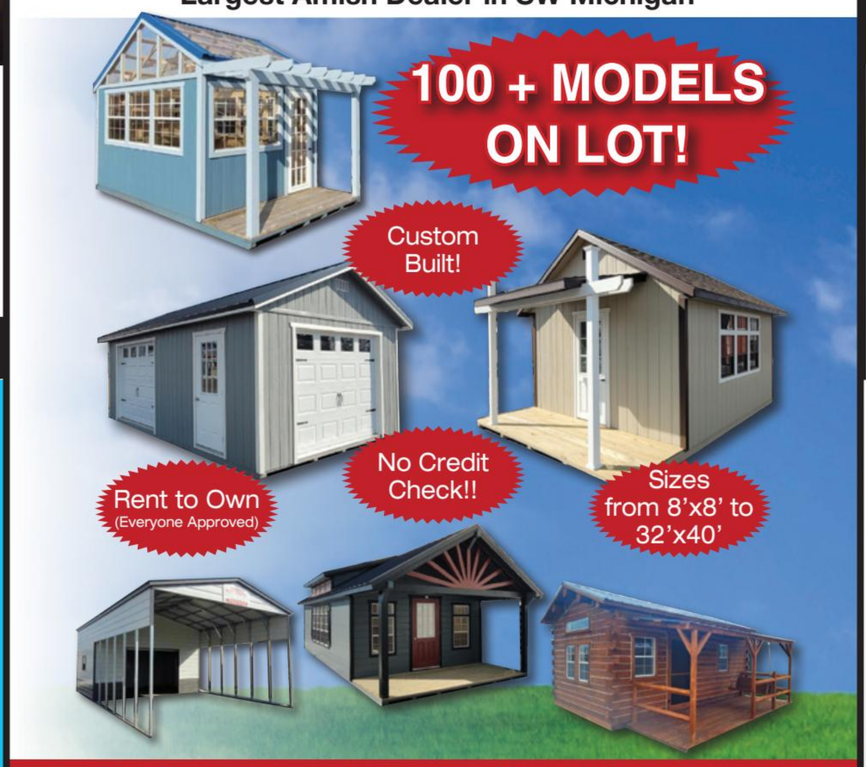

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Eddie Gaedel Society annual meeting this month

The Biggest Little Baseball Museum has announced the location of their annual meeting of the Southwestern Michigan Chapter of the Eddie Gaedel Society #1/8.

This event will take place at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, at the corner of Cleveland Avenue and Glendora Road, which is Wolverine Gardens.

This year's program will include a brief history of Wolverine Gardens, followed by short baseball stories from those in attendance. The anticipation will build for the always wonderful team trivia contest, presented by Nathan Kahne. Participants will gather in the dance hall, as onlookers and the curious can go between that room and the bar area. Beverages can be purchased at the bar and snacks will be provided. Wear the nicest T-shirt in Berrien County, or purchase one that night for $20.

Donations of baseball books for the Biggest Little Baseball Museum library, as well as used baseballs and softballs, will be graciously accepted.

The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is located on Three Oaks' magnificent quarter mile, in the nicest building within 100 miles, the Three Oaks Township Public Library. It is open during regular library hours. — STAFF REPORTS

Singers, School of American Music to present 'Motown Singalong'

Travel back in time to the early years of Motown with the Harbor Country Singers and the School of American Music in a summer outdoor sing-along of the music of The Supremes, The Four Tops, Aretha Franklin, The Shirelles, The Jackson 5, and many other artists during the free event, The Motown Sing-Along, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, on the Spring Creek Stage, Arts and Education Center, 14 Maple Street in Three Oaks, facing Dewey Cannon Park.

Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket. If it rains, the sing-along will be moved to the shelter house at Carver Memorial Park, U. S. 12 and Elm Street in Three Oaks.

Martha Cares and Reyna Larson, local professional music performers, will be song leaders for the sing-along, as well as members Diane Ruzevich, Pat Putnam, Jill Christie, Kevin Coleman, and Pat Heneghan. Musicians accompanying will be HCS Director Maggie Martin on piano, School of American Music founder and instructor Garth Taylor on guitar, and Joel Cooper on bass.

Songs in the sing-along will include "Where Did Our Love Go", "Dancing in the Street", "Our Day Will Come", "Dock of the Bay", "I'll Be There" and many more. Song books with music and lyrics will be provided. — STAFF REPORTS

Local haunts, thespians showcased at 'Girls of Summer' benefit

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Anyone who views "The Girls of Summer," which was directed by the Oscar nominated John Hancock, will likely have the same conclusion: It takes a village to film a movie.

Those who were around for the 40 days that the movie was filmed in the summer of 2018 in southwestern Michigan and the surrounding area can really attest to that, Dave Knoebber, who served as art director for the movie, said.

"As you can see by the credits, it takes a great deal of people and places to put together a movie like that," he said.

An audience got to see these people and places, some of which looked very familiar, during a benefit for Harbor Arts at The Acorn Center for the Performing Arts Friday, Aug. 2.

Knoebber, who serves as chair of the Harbor Arts Board of Directors, said he had wanted to give the 2020 film more exposure.

Besides "The Girls of Summer," Knoebber had done other films with Hancock, whose past credits include "Bang the Drum Slowly," which stars Robert De Niro and "Prancer," which was filmed in Three Oaks.

"We used a lot of local people, local areas to film...I just wanted more people to see it and give recognition to him and Allen Turner (who did the film's musical score),and some of the people who had put their hearts into this project," Knoebber said.

The film was written by Tori Titmas, who also plays its star, Maren Taylor.

The romantic comedy follows Taylor, a young drummer, and her sisters' rock band, and their antics that lead to eventual growth while on the road.

Dave Knoebber, chair of the Harbor Arts Board, discusses the film with the audience

Allen Turner, Tori Titmas and John Hancock discuss "The Girls of Summer"

Hancock said the story is one that he's been wanting to do for decades.

"Sometime in the '70s, I read (Alexander) Pushkin's 'Eugene Onegin,' which is kind of the outline for this story and I wanted to do something with it," he said.

Turner said when you write music for movies, you write for the characters.

"There was the 'I meet you' song, 'I fall in love' song, the 'breakup' song, the 'let's get back together' song...You have to follow it that way and I tried very hard to do that and I was blessed by a very wonderful delivery," he said.

While teaching directing at Second City in Chicago Hancock met Titmas, who was working with many students on class exercises at the Harold Ramis Film School.

"I met Tori and very much wanted to work with her - and the two things came together," Hancock said.

Titmas said music helped bring the traditional love story together.

"I wanted to bring a little more of the innocence and naivety taken over by experience and having the feminine idea of acceptance of the grief and then what follows that is the rage, which follows, hopefully, just coming into your own and music is a great and beautiful way to show it," she said.

She added that she was "blown away" by the talent that infiltrates the community.

Community spots that may have seemed familiar to the audience included the former Knoll Brothers gas station, where Taylor calls her sisters to tell them she's accepted a job touring with an established country star, in New Buffalo; the carousel and lakefront in St. Joseph, Michigan; and the Judy Ferrara Art Gallery in Three Oaks.

The sod farm where the sisters reside with their father was filmed at the Red Hen Turf Farm near New Carlisle.

Titmas was already familiar with the area, having played a tree in Three Oaks' 2017 sesquicentennial play, "Three Oaks Against the World," which was directed by Hancock.

"I played it so well that I got to make a movie," she said.

Titmas is currently working on a short film, which she hopes will be made into a feature.

"I'm going more the indie route because I really enjoyed the whole process of working with people like you guys (Turner and Hanock) and starting from the script to the final result being the whole process," she said.

Titmas' family played a role in the film: her mother did all the props and her grandmother was seen dancing with Luke Thomas, the famous country singer.

Thinking a party had been thrown for them, residents of the retirement home in St. Joseph, where that scene was filmed, ate all the food - the "props" - on the table.

After sending the crew out to buy more, Knoebber told one woman to watch the food "very carefully."

"Let me call my son, I want to tell him I'm doing a movie," was her reply.

"Whether it was 'Prancer' or whatever film John worked on, people who have been pieces or parts of the film - it's a highlight of your life," Knoebber said.

"The Girls of Summer" can be viewed on Amazon Prime and Tubi.

Film Acres, Hancock's production company out of La Porte, is planning a 35th anniversary extravaganza for "Prancer" this December in La Porte and Three Oaks.

A nonprofit organization showcasing the area's arts scene, Harbor Arts' next "Music in the Park," in Dewey Cannon Park in Three Oaks will feature On the Lash, which plays traditional Irish music, at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

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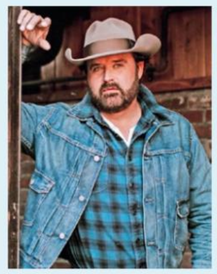

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